

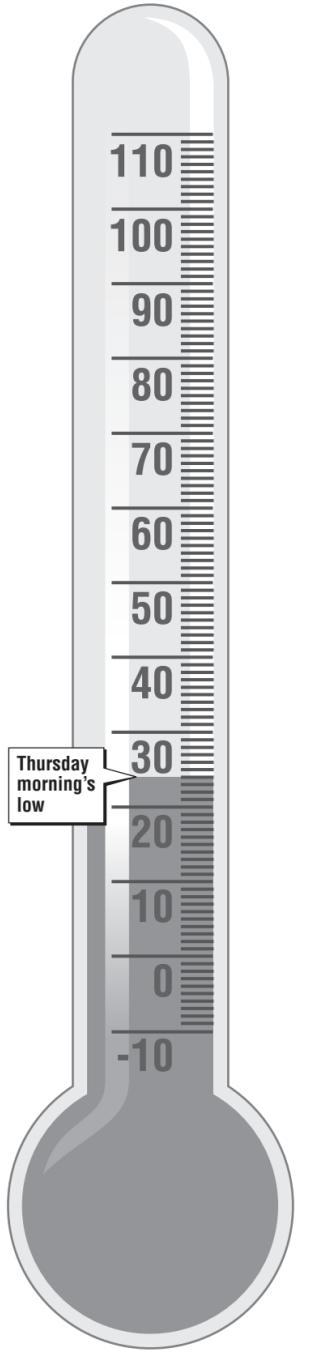
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BRRRRRRRRRR!

We get worst chill in quarter-century



Douglas E. Jessmer/Pinellas News

Tropicana Field's future land use is key to the development of a new Downtown stadium, but your input is wanted.

You make the call



Courtesy Tampa Bay Rays

This rendering of retail and entertainment areas considered for the Tropicana Field site is one view the Tampa Bay Rays and their development company have promoted.

Public meeting will help shape redevelopment proposal

By DOUGLAS E. JESSMER
The Pinellas News

ST. PETERSBURG – By now, you've heard about the plan to develop a new Downtown ballpark for the Tampa Bay Rays, as well as the plan to redevelop Tropicana Field.

But at 6 p.m. Wednesday, inside the Trop, you'll get a turn at bat during a public meeting.

More than a year of confidential discussions between the team, the City of St. Petersburg and state representatives ended in late November, when the team unveiled plans to build a new baseball-only facility on the site of Al Lang Field.

The team also announced plans, alongside a real-estate developer, to reuse the 86-acre Tropicana site as a residential, retail and entertainment area.

So city organizers can prepare, attendees for Wednesday's meeting are asked to respond by Monday via telephone or e-mail, either at 727-893-7100 or business@stpete.org.

Behind closed doors, the team and the city evaluated financing alternatives for the proposed new 34,000-seat ballpark. A large contribution from the team will be

augmented by proceeds from the Tropicana Field site.

The plan also calls for \$60 million in state tax money, though the Rays insist they won't seek new or additional taxes to fund the new ballpark – and that Pinellas County taxpayers won't see a cent of difference in their local tax bills.

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By weekend, region starts warming up

ST. PETERSBURG
Pinellas County residents braced Wednesday for the coldest weather in at least five years, heeding the milder of two freeze warnings issued for the Tampa Bay area.

Wednesday's warning was "freeze" for Pinellas County and "hard freeze" for as much as 11 hours for every other county in the area.

At 4 a.m. Thursday, forecasters said the temperature would reach 34 – two degrees above freezing – but feel like 23. It's been more than 25 years since temperatures dipped below freezing in Pinellas County.

At least one newspaper – Florida Today in Brevard County – predicted there'd be snowfall in the Sunshine State.

As of our press time, snow certainly didn't fly across the Pinellas peninsula, but the chilly temperatures had residents covering outdoor plants, caring for outside animals and ensuring water pipes didn't freeze and burst.

Barricaded man arrested after shooting at deputies

LARGO – After shooting at sheriff's deputies, a Seminole man was charged three times with attempted first-degree murder of a law-enforcement officer.

Deputies responded to a 911 call hang-up from a residence in the 13500 block of Park Boulevard at about 2:45 a.m. Dec. 30. They found Todd Mathew Clark,

30, who spoke to the deputies briefly, then went back into the home and opened fire on them.

The deputies returned fire before withdrawing



Clark

when SWAT

team members and negotiators arrived on scene.

At about 8:40 a.m., Clark was nabbed after SWAT team members drove an armored rescue vehicle up to the house to establish verbal contact. Before deputies could talk to Clark, he fled the house from a second-story window, jumping to a lower roof, then

to the ground. Deputies say Clark shot at police again, and one deputy returned fire.

Sheriff's detectives say that Clark – who has no previous criminal record – was under the influence of marijuana and several prescription drugs during the incident, and that he didn't believe the first responding deputies

were law enforcement officers.

The incident is under investigation, and the apprehension is under routine review by the Sheriff's administrative investigations board.

The only injury was to one deputy, whose right hand was cut by a sliver of broken glass from Clark's front door.

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EVENT CALENDAR

Today

LIVE MUSIC AT BOOKSTORE The Witch's Brew, a bookstore at 1219C Florida Ave., Palm Harbor, will have live music tonight at 7:30 with Castalia, a Canadian Witch, who will play Celtic pagan music featured on her CDs. For more information: 727-483-9210.

DALI IN FOCUS On view now through January 20 museum goers can enjoy 'Dali in Focus'. Encounter Dali in depth in a selection of paintings from the Museum's permanent collection displayed with a focus on the hidden details. This exhibit will showcase various periods from his early 1990's to 1980's and seven works will receive a closer examination for Dali's particular blend of personal interpretation.

Saturday, Jan. 5

LIVE MUSIC AT BOOKSTORE The Witch's Brew, a bookstore at 1219C Florida Ave., Palm Harbor, will have live music tonight at 7:30 with Gracie Starr, who will play light rock. For more information: 727-483-9210.

Wednesday, Jan. 9

PUBLIC MEETING FOR TROPICANA FIELD REDEVELOPMENT St. Petersburg citizens and businesses may provide input at 6 p.m. on the potential redevelopment of the 86-acre Tropicana Field site. The city may issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for redevelopment, so community input is important. Enter through the Rotunda (Gate 1) via Third Avenue South. Parking is free in Tropicana Field lots. To assist the city with preparations, attendees should RSVP by Jan. 7 to business@stpete.org or by calling 727-893-7100.

Wednesday, Jan. 9

AARP DRIVER SAFETY CLASS Clearwater's North Greenwood Library is hosting a two-part AARP driver safety class from 1-5 p.m. today and Friday, Jan. 11. The North Greenwood Library is located at 905 N. Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. This 8-hour classroom refresher course is designed for drivers ages 50 and up. The class is divided into two four-hour sessions. Auto insurance rates may decrease with discounts after this course is taken. AARP will collect a \$10 fee. To register, call 727-462-6895.

Thursday, Jan. 10

CLEARWATER JUNIOR MAGIC BASKETBALL Boys and girls play together at North Greenwood Recreation & Aquatic Complex on teams based on their age levels, through March 31. No one feels out of place and all players get individual attention. The recreational basketball league stresses teamwork, good sportsmanship and having fun. The league is for children ages 7-16. Admission: \$48.75 with Play Pass; \$65 with recreation card; \$81.25 without card. Scholarships available: \$32.50 reduced lunch; \$16.25 free lunch.

Saturday, Jan. 10

AUTISM SPEAKS Enjoy a play and help children with Autism at the same time. Autistic License will be performed at the TECO Theatre at the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center through Saturday, Jan. 12 at 8 p.m. and on Sunday, Jan. 13, at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$10 on Thursday and Sunday and \$15 on Friday and Saturday. Tickets are available at the door or can be reserved in advance by e-mailing AutisticLicense@gmail.com. All proceeds from this event will be donated to Autism Speaks. Visit AutismSpeaks.org for more information about the organization. For more information about this event please e-mail akarlins@gmail.com or call Amber Karlins at 813-505-8192.

Saturday, Jan. 12

GALLERY WALK Join artists in their studios from 5:30-9 p.m. for a relaxing evening of art. Walk or ride the trolley through downtown. View unique paintings, sculptures, photographs, jewelry, stained glass and more by the artists of ARTSPACE, at 10 5th St. N., second floor, St. Petersburg, above the Florida Craftsmen Gallery.

Wednesday, Jan. 16

CLEARWATER AWARDS FOR NEIGHBORHOODS 2008 PARTICIPANT ORIENTATIONS Clearwater Development & Neighborhood Services seeks active neighborhood associations for its 2008 Clearwater Awards for Neighborhoods (CAN) competition. The meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. in Room 130 of the Clearwater Municipal Services Building. The CAN program awards grants to neighborhood groups that design projects and programs to benefit their residents and community. For more information: Becky Melendez, 727-562-4585.

IN FOCUS

Sure, it looked nice, but now what?

You can disassemble an artificial Christmas tree and throw it in the attic, but what do you do with a real tree? Many of Pinellas County's municipalities have recycling programs, in which the trees are processed into mulch and distributed free to the public.

WHAT TO DO

Remove all decorations, including hooks, garland, tinsel and lights.

Keep the tree loose – don't put it in a bag or can.

If you live in an apartment or condominium, place your tree near the garbage dumpster, but remember not to block access to the dumpster.

WHO'S RECYCLING

CLEARWATER – Curbside collection with yard waste on regular pickup day. Call 727-562-4920.

DUNEDIN – Curbside collection with yard waste on regular pickup day. Call 727-298-3215.

GULFPORT – Curbside collection with yard waste on Wednesdays. Call 727-893-1089.

INDIAN ROCKS BEACH – Curbside collection with yard waste on Wednesdays. Call 727-595-6889.

LARGO – Curbside collection with yard waste on regular pickup day. Call 727-587-6760.

MADEIRA BEACH – Curbside collection with yard waste on Wednesdays. Call 727-391-1611.

OLDSMAR – Drop-off collection at 107 Shore Drive W., across from Park Boulevard. Open until Jan. 12. Call 813-749-1262.

PINELLAS PARK – Drop-off collection at 12950 40th St. for residents only. Call 727-541-0711.

SAFETY HARBOR – Curbside collection with yard waste (at the curb by 7 a.m. Wednesdays). Call 727-724-1550.

ST. PETERSBURG – Drop-off collection at city brush sites: 1000 62nd Ave. N.E.; 7750 26th Ave. N.; 2500 26th Ave. S.; 4015 Martin Luther King Jr. St. S.; and 2453 20th Ave. N. Curbside collection begins Jan. 8. Call 727-893-7398.

TARPON SPRINGS – Drop-off collection at yard waste facility, 898 S. Levis Ave., minimum \$5. Curbside collection with yard waste on Wednesdays beginning Jan. 9. Call 727-943-4837.

TREASURE ISLAND – Curbside collection with yard waste on regular day. Call 727-547-4575.

UNINCORPORATED PINELLAS COUNTY – Drop-off collection at the county's solid waste operations, 3095 114th Ave. N., St. Petersburg. Cost is \$3 per load for a maximum of five trees. Call 727-464-7500.

PRIVATE HAULERS – Waste Services of Florida offers curbside collection with normal collection services for garbage or yard waste. Trees taller than 6 feet must be cut in half.



WHO'S NOT RECYCLING

BELLEAIR – Call 727-588-3798, ext. 406.

BELLEAIR BEACH – Call 727-595-4646, ext. 120.

BELLEAIR BLUFFS – Call 727-584-2151.

BELLEAIR SHORE – Call 727-593-9296 or 727-595-7598.

INDIAN SHORES – Call 727-595-4020, ext. 26.

KENNETH CITY – Call 727-544-6655.

NORTH REDINGTON BEACH – Call 727-391-4848.

REDINGTON BEACH – Call 727-391-3875.

REDINGTON SHORES – Call 727-397-5538.

SEMINOLE – Call 727-397-6383.

ST. PETE BEACH – Call 727-363-9243.

SOUTH PASADENA – Call 727-384-0701.

PRIVATE HAULERS – Waste Management Inc. doesn't recycle trees.

Keeping those pesky resolutions

Whether it's saving more, losing weight or learning new things, experts say: Be reasonable

By **MELISSA McCARTNEY**
The Pinellas News

Lose weight. Save money. Learn to change a tire.

Those are all typical new year's resolutions that get broken, usually by the end of January.

"Resolutions are just too vague," Pinellas County Health Department spokesperson Jeanine Mallory said. "It's too broad. People should be more specific and make goals that are measurable, as opposed to a resolution."

Every year a group of hopefuls hold up their right hand with the left hand over their heart vowing they will lose a lot of weight in a

short period of time, a pledge that weight-loss specialists say is a setup for failure.

Jenny Craig spokeswoman Stephani Spangler says self-monitoring and realistic goals are keys to losing weight. Instead of swearing to lose 40 pounds, set goals of 10 pounds.

In 2008, Spangler said, people should make time to learn from weaknesses and adjust goals. Focus on what went well and choose alternative strategies if needed.

"Try making a goal of walking 5,000 steps a day and get a pedometer," Mallory said. "Next week, try 6,000, write things down and watch your progress."

Tips for keeping your goals

What some experts say:

- Be realistic
- Make short term goals
- Monitor your progress
- Reward yourself responsibly
- Celebrate your successes, big or small
- Learn from lapses in progress

Financial security is the goal for some.

"Building savings is one of the most important things people can do," Raymond James Financial Senior Vice President Jeff Hearn said "It's important to have 3-6 months worth of savings. That

way, when the air conditioning goes or the car breaks down, you're paying out of pocket, not running up a credit card."

If you're 50 or older with a 401k retirement plan, you can add another \$5,000 to your plan. Between now and age 65, at 6 percent interest, that investment will make \$500,000. That's about \$2,500 per month if you retire at age 65.

Planning for Christmas throughout the year can also help with the financial burden the holidays may bring, Hearn added.

"Keep Christmas cards. Make lists and see who you did and did not buy gifts for," Hearn said. "Shop all year long, and then write down where you put the gifts."

When December rolls around, he said, the gift load – and the holiday bills – won't be so heavy.

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Watch for headlines like these this year...

So we've somehow stumbled into 2008, and everyone seems to still be here, all in one piece.

It's not like eight years ago, when everyone seemed to stockpile food, ammunition and other supplies to weather the 2000 date-rollover panic-that-turned-out-to-be-nothing, which we all remember as "Y2K."

Instead, when the ball dropped a few days ago, the only people I saw locked and loaded were people I celebrated the new year with — locked in the house, and maybe a little loaded.

Now that we've survived Jan. 1, let's look at the top 10 headlines I'd like to see for 2008. If you agree or disagree, or have some ideas of your own, I'd normally say "too bad," but I'd really like to know what you think — so e-mail me at doug@pinellas-news.com. Really.

10. Rays win American League East title. It's not that the Rays are all that, don't get me wrong — it's that I despise the Yankees, and despite my other half's devotion to the Red Sox, I must admit I'd like to see them go down in defeat, too. And frankly, if the Rays want a new stadium, the team's sales job will be much easier with a winner on the field.

It's not that the Rays have a roster chock full of hapless players. There's some potential there. Really.

All that said....

9. Cleveland Indians win World Series; Rays defeated in A.L. title series. Curse of Rocky Colavito no more, as the warriors of Lake Erie take their first world championship since 1948. If Boston and the White Sox can do it, the Tribe can.

8. U.S. 19 overpass construction complete from Pinellas Park to Tarpon Springs. OK, this is nothing we'll see overnight, but wouldntcha like it if it could be? Drive through the Bryan Dairy intersection and you probably get the eery feeling you've seen that scene before — like, oh, where the Northeast Coachman Road and Sunset Point Road overpasses are now. Get it done, already!

There's a handful of stop lights I know I'd love to see yanked RIGHT NOW between Ulmertown Road and Gulf To Bay. And while I'm complaining about driving from St. Pete to Clearwater and vice versa...

7. New expressway planned between St. Pete and Clearwater. Why hasn't this happened? Why hasn't anyone thought of it? There's no quick way to get from one to the other. Hey, FDOT, are you reading? Time to get those I-575 signs ready, guys.

And as for what's on the road, a pet peeve comes to mind, but remember I'm from the Rust Belt when I say this:

6. More Americans buy U.S. cars. Many consumers won't even look at a car made by the home team. Consumer Reports magazine was outed as a fraud this year, finally, after they revealed that they rated Toyotas higher than other makes without even looking at them.

Recalls? About the same as for the domestic nameplates, it appears. Initial quality? Who was better — Volkswagen or Mercury? (J.D. Power's answer: It wasn't the Germans.)

We wonder why our economy has gone to the dogs, all the while pushing the pedal down on big reasons why — foreign steel

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Exhibit shows papal relations to other faiths

Florida Holocaust Museum display of 'Blessing' opens Jan. 13

ST. PETERSBURG — Pope John Paul II encouraged all people of all religions to work together toward world peace. The exhibition A Blessing To One Another: Pope John Paul II and the Jewish People opens Jan. 13 at the Florida Holocaust Museum in downtown St. Petersburg.

The exhibit, which organizers say is an example of the late leader's mission, will run through April 13.

The title of the exhibit comes from the papal appeal on the 50th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising: "As Christians and Jews, following the example of the faith of Abraham, we are

called to be a blessing to the world. This is the common task awaiting us. It is therefore necessary for us, Christians and Jews, to first be a blessing to one another."

The exhibit, created by Xavier University in Cincinnati, is a multi-media, interactive exhibit featuring video footage, sculpture, documents, artifacts, and photographs. It is also the first exhibition of its kind to explain the historical relationship between the Catholic and Jewish faiths.

Highlights of the exhibit feature period artifacts from the World War II era, as well as oth-



John Paul II

ers including the cane used by the Pope on his trip to the Holy Land in 2002; the biretta worn by him when he was named a cardinal; the stole he wore at the Assisi Day of Peace in 2002 and a bronze cast of Pope John Paul's hand.

The exhibition chronicles the Pope's personal and public life and features a time line that easily guides the Museum guest. The exhibit begins with the Pope's childhood as Karol Józef Wojtyła and highlights the life-long friendship with Jewish childhood friend Jerzy Kluger, who would ultimately play a crit-

ical role in the Pope's future. The timeline continues through World War II and illustrates the contrast between the Pope, who was forced to study in secret during the night, and his Jewish friends who suffered far worse fates. The exhibit takes the viewer through the Pope's rise from priest to bishop and then to cardinal, during which he played a key role in the preliminary changes in relationships between faiths. The timeline culminates during the years of his papacy.

This exhibit is locally sponsored in part by the Roman Catholic Diocese of St. Petersburg. The exhibition was created by Xavier University of Cincinnati, Hillel Jewish Student Center of Cincinnati, and The Shtetl Foundation of New York.

St. Pete Beach house fire quickly put out



St. Pete Beach Fire Marshal Ernie Hand was among the department's response to a Dec. 29 house fire on West Dabzan Avenue. The electrical fire was discovered by neighbors just after 1 p.m. and units from St. Pete Beach, Treasure Island and South Pasadena arrived to find a single story residence with smoke showing. St. Pete Beach Engine 22 made a quick attack and knocked the fire down. The fire was under control within minutes. There was extensive damage to one room and smoke damage throughout the rest of the house, but the quick response and action taken by firefighters saved the house. A search of the house revealed no victims and there were no injuries.

Courtesy St. Pete Beach Fire Dept.

St. Pete council members sworn



Polson



Dudley



Bennett



Newton

ST. PETERSBURG — During a brief ceremony Wednesday, St. Petersburg's recently elected city council members were sworn into office.

Herb Polson will represent District 1, while Bill Dudley will have the District 3 seat. City Council Chairman James Bennett will continue representing District 5 and Wengay "Newt" Newton will represent District 7.

Bennett was reappointed chairman of the council and Jeff

Danner, the District 8 councilman, was elected the council vice chairman.

Other council members:

- Jim Kennedy, Dist. 2
- Leslie Curran, Dist. 4
- Earnest Williams, Dist. 6.

Mechanic pinned under truck during oil change

Pinellas News Staff Report

ST. PETERSBURG — For one mechanic, a routine oil change wasn't routine.

At about 2:45 p.m. Wednesday, as a pickup truck was being raised on a lift at Brinkman's Auto Service, 6775 102nd Ave., Pinellas Park, the vehicle fell nose first from the lift.

A Pinellas County Sheriff's Department spokesman said the truck fell six feet, and pinned mechanic Scott Wyman, 40, of Lealman.

Another employee used a jack to lift the truck off Wyman, who authorities say was treated at Bayfront Medical Center for a broken leg and several other non-life-threatening injuries.

BayWalk theater parking still free

ST. PETERSBURG — Parking in the BayWalk parking garage at 117 2nd St. N. will continue to be free for all customers going to the Muvico 20 Theater, St. Petersburg and the-

ater officials said. Originally slated to be a summer and holiday program, city and Muvico officials have agreed to extend the program due to its popularity.

BRIEFS

Local judges speak at Clearwater's annual People's Law School

A panel of local judges will present a program entitled "The Judicial System from the Judge's Perspective" at the first session of the Clearwater Bar Association's 2008 People's Law School, Thursday, Jan. 10 from 7-9 p.m. at St. Petersburg College, Drew Street Campus, in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

Judges will give their perspective on the judicial system speaking from their own personal experiences on the bench giving participants can ask questions.

People's Law School continues every Thursday.

Participants may attend as few or as many times as they wish free of charge and with no registration necessary.

Pinellas County teachers receive component points good for trade days.

Future topics include How a Jury Trial Really Works, Criminal Law, and Independent Court System.

For more information: 727-461-4869 or www.clearwaterbar.org/law.html.

Dog, cat lovers organize 'cutest pet' photo contest

The Florida chapter of Dog & Cat Lovers of America recently announce that cash and prizes are up for grabs, including a \$1,000 grand prize in the organization's 2008 Spring Cutest Pet Photo Contest.

Ten entrants will also be selected to have their photo grace the cover of an internationally distributed pet book.

The entry deadline is Feb. 15. The contest is open to everyone and entry is free. Dog and cat photos are welcome.

The photo may contain one pet or several and may include different pet types in the same photo. There is a strict limit of one photo per household to avoid disqualification.

The preferred method of entry is to enter directly online at www.CutestPetContest.com.

Mail entries are also welcome. Send one photo, either color or black-and-white, of any size.

All photo entries must include the photographer's name and address on the back.

Photographs should be sent to: Florida 2008 Spring Cutest Pet Photo Contest, P.O. Box 4470, Olathe, KS 66063.

Entries must be postmarked by Feb. 15.

Francis Wilson Playhouse slates auditions

Auditions for the Francis Wilson Playhouse will be held Jan. 13-14 at 7 p.m. at the theatre.

The theater is looking for:

■ Three women, 25-50, mezzo to soprano

■ One woman, 18-25, for dancing role

■ Four men, ages 25-40, baritone to tenor

Ensemble members, male and female, will also be needed. All roles must sing.

Auditioners need to bring sheet music in the correct key, and an accompanist will be provided. They also must dress for movement — no flip-flops or sandals. Production dates are March 13-23.

For more information: 727-446-1360.

Seaman joins George H.W. Bush aircraft carrier unit

Navy Seaman John R. McNeile, son of Laurel A. Anderson of North Wilkesboro, N. C. and John H. McNeile, Jr of St. Petersburg, recently reported for duty aboard the Precommissioning Unit George H. W. Bush, based at Newport News, Va.

McNeile is a 2007 graduate of North Wilkes High School of Hays, N. C. and joined the Navy in July 2007.



ROBERT M. POTTER

Pinellas News

Before you build it, they should come first

Some of us wonder if the Rays' front office really thought though constructing a new stadium in downtown St. Petersburg, where a ball field has existed since 1929.

That field is dormant, except for spring training. So instead of waiting four years to find all the problems – such as not enough nearby parking, street closings including Bayshore Boulevard, traffic congestion, lack of pedestrian access, foul balls hitting parked cars, baseball fans and others suffering heat-related injuries, crazed fans diving into Tampa Bay next to the sewer outlet, only to disturb newly planted sea grass – why not play a two-night double hitter, say, in the third week of July?

That way, the team can dry-run all the problems and see if the fans show up, if not for the first game, possibly the second.

The Rays are scheduled to play Oakland on Tuesday, July 22, at 7:10 p.m. and again on Wednesday at 12:40 p.m., so Oakland can get back to the west coast and the Rays can head to Kansas City.

A Wednesday day game is not a big draw, and the flight west does not leave players recovery time before the next game and switching from artificial turf to playing on grass. So play a double-header at Al Lang and get a good rest before Kansas City.

If fans don't like the way the game's going, maybe they can jump in the bay.

Al Lang Stadium – or Florida Power Park at Al Lang Field – holds 7,227 fans, which should be ample capacity for a Tuesday night game on a hot, humid July night, given the Rays' attendance history.

Should the first game start an hour earlier, fans would need to arrive in downtown between 5-6 p.m., coinciding with Downtown workers leaving for the day and others coming from work to their Downtown high-rise condos. Plus, there are the students trying to park for evening classes at USF St. Petersburg.

Even though 7,227 would represent only 25 percent of the maximum impact of fans and traffic, the data and revenue the city would gain from traffic citations alone should more than offset the additional cost of police, fire and rescue response.

Couple that with baseball fans trying to leave and arrive between games vying for the few precious parking spots and seats at restaurants and bars, and it should make an evening in Los Angeles expressway traffic look like a cake walk by comparison.

The Rays and city officials would have the data and time to make changes, so when the new stadium is built with 32,000 fans coming to a game, it would still be a postcard experience.

It will coincide with the completion of thousands of downtown condominiums now under construction and 4,000 students commuting to the USF campus for classes.

So maybe they should try this again when the Red Sox come to town, and put up additional, temporary bleachers in Tampa Bay. If they did not like the way the game was going, maybe those fans could just go jump into the bay.



Courtesy Tampa Bay Rays

A look along Booker Creek in this Tampa Bay Rays rendering shows retail space on the former Tropicana Field property.

Public can take a swing at Rays' pitch

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All the plans hinge on St. Petersburg voters' approval of the new ballpark, a decision slated for the November election.

Tropicana Field was completed in 1990 in the hopes of drawing a major-league team to the area. Tampa Bay was awarded a major-league team in 1995, and Tropicana underwent an \$85 million renovation before the Rays – then the Devil Rays – began play in 1998.

Hines Interests Limited Partnership senior vice president Michael Harrison said in November that the Tropicana site would be pedestrian-oriented, and redeveloped with properties at various price points. As many as 900 new

houses are on the drawing board. Hines is the development company the Rays partnered with to draw plans for the existing stadium land.

Tropicana, an air-conditioned, domed stadium, was the last baseball stadium built before the ballpark renaissance began with Oriole Park at Camden Yards in Baltimore. By contrast, the Rays' proposal has a retractable fabric roof that will cable up and down with the help of a 325-foot-tall tower beyond center field.

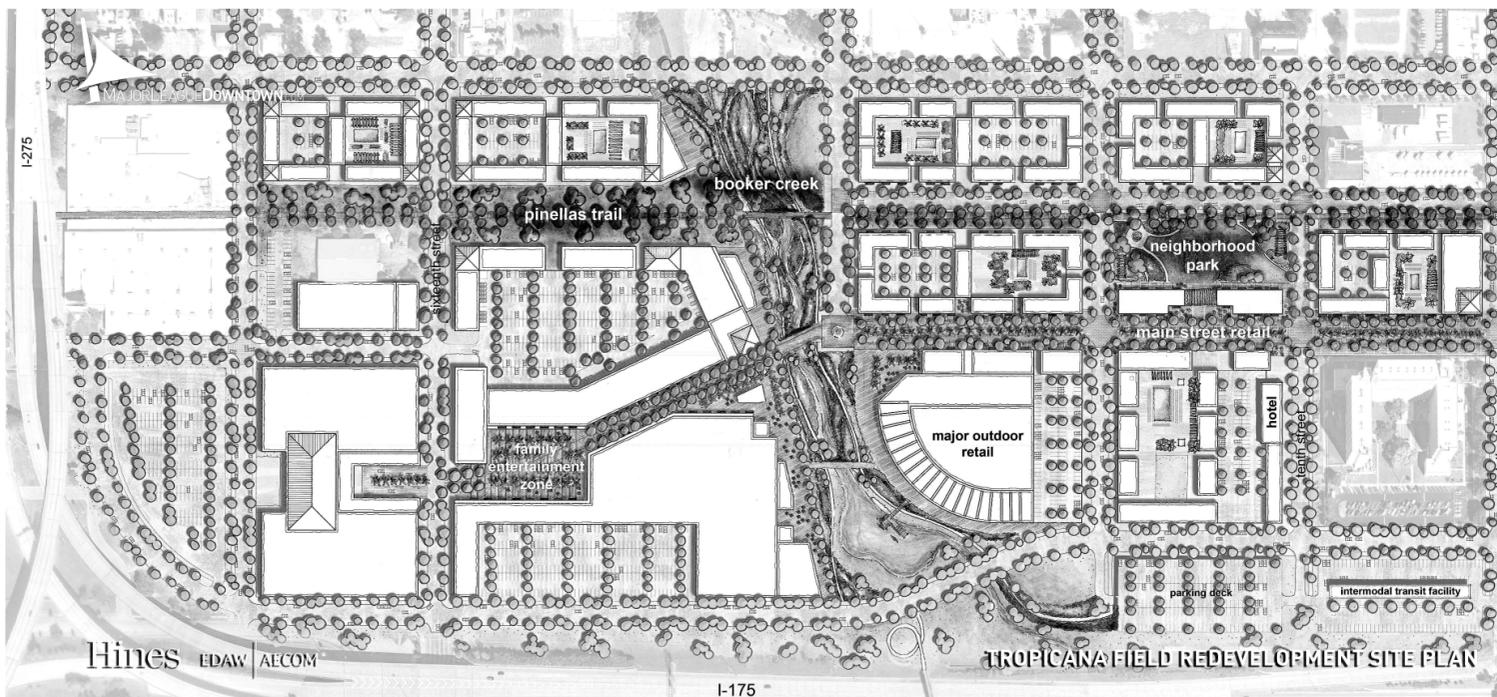
The proposed ballpark will be built on the site of Al Lang Field, a spring-training ballpark for nine teams since 1914. The field has been the home of Rays spring training since the team's inception.

If you go

CALL AHEAD: City planners request that attendees call ahead, no later than Monday, at 727-893-7100, or via e-mail at business@stpete.org.
WHERE TO ENTER: Enter through the rotunda (Gate 1) via 3rd Avenue South.
PARKING: Free in Tropicana Field lots.
FOR INFORMATION: Call 727-893-7100.

On the Web

New Rays ballpark and Tropicana Field redevelopment: www.majorleaguedowntown.com



Courtesy Tampa Bay Rays

The Tropicana Field site, along with its parking lots, may look like this rendering from the Tampa Bay Rays and their developer. The domed stadium now stands where the team plans a "family entertainment zone," to the left of the rendering, between Interstate 275 and Booker Creek.

St. Pete Beach parking permits on sale now

ST. PETE BEACH – St. Pete Beach's 2008 parking permits are now available.

Purchase permits from the St. Pete Beach Police Department records division, 200 76th Ave, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays. Call 727-363-9214 for more information.

Applicants must present current vehicle registration and driver's license, and St. Pete Beach residents must show proof of res-

idency. Accepted forms for proof of residency are a current vehicle registration, driver's license, tax statement, or lease/rental agreement. Bills, mail, or checks will not be accepted as proof of residency.

Available permit types, meter and pay station hours of operation and fees:

A Permit: Owners of eligi-

ble properties on Gulf Way, \$3-35 per year.

B Permit: Meters & pay station parking, except county park. City residents pay \$15 per year, while non-residents pay \$75 per year. A day pass is \$10.

D Permit: Residents who live in areas designated for controlled parking (Pass-A-Grille Area), \$5 per year and \$3 per month.

E Permit: Residents of eligi-

ble property on Beach Plaza, 67th thru 70th avenues, Sunset Way, \$15 per year

Business/Employee: Those who work in St. Pete Beach who aren't city residents, \$75 per year, \$25 per month

Parking Meter Rates: Along Pass A Grille Way, Sunset Way and 51st Avenue. Enforced every day, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., \$1 per hour.

Parking Pay Station Rates:

Along Gulf Way, 9th, 15th & 16th avenues, Don Boat Ramp, 67th Avenue/Beach Plaza/Up-hamBeach. Enforced every day, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., \$1.25 per hour, \$10 for 12 hours.

Parking Pay Station Rates: At County Park and at the waterfront/boat ramp spaces at Egan Park. Enforced every day, 24 hours, \$1.25 per hour, \$10 for 12 hours.

State officials announce \$6M insurance settlement

TALLAHASSEE – Attorney General Bill McCollum, Chief Financial Officer Alex Sink and Insurance Commissioner Kevin McCarty today announced that Florida and nine additional states have reached a settlement with a large insurance carrier involved in a "pay-to-play" scheme orchestrated by insurance broker Marsh & McLennan. The Travelers Companies, Inc. will pay a multi-state task force \$6 million to resolve allegations of improper business steering in the commercial insurance market that resulted in higher premiums

being paid by Florida governmental entities, companies and nonprofit organizations.

"Policyholders have every right to expect fair and honest treatment from their insurers," said Attorney General McCollum. "We will continue to aggressively demand accountability and transparency from the insurance industry in Florida."

Travelers allegedly conspired with Marsh & McLennan and other brokers to create the illusion of a competitive bidding process by submitting fake bids even though the brokers had al-

ready determined which insurer would receive a particular policyholder's business. Travelers paid "contingent commissions" to these brokers, and these commissions were not disclosed to policyholders. The Florida Attorney General's Office, Department of Financial Services and Office of Insurance Regulation will receive approximately \$1.1 million of the settlement which will fund a reimbursement pool for affected public entity policyholders and repay the state agencies' costs of investigation.

"Policyholders deserve to

know exactly what they are paying for and that they are not paying for hidden charges," said CFO Sink, who oversees the Department of Financial Services. "I applaud this settlement and commend everyone who worked to make it happen."

"Florida's policyholders deserve nothing less than full disclosure in insurance transactions," said Florida Insurance Commissioner Kevin McCarty. "This settlement continues Florida's progress toward establishing a national standard for transparency in insurance trans-

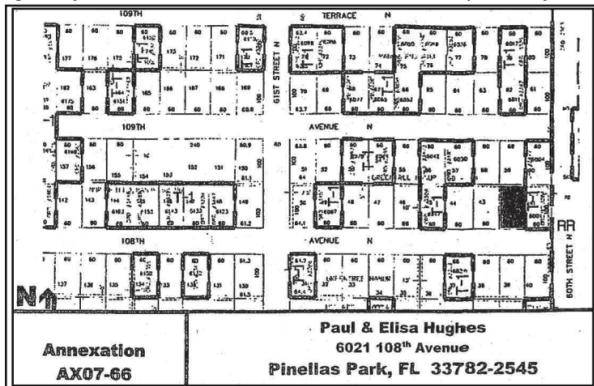
actions and reinforces our commitment to protecting Florida consumers."

In addition to the financial settlement, Travelers has agreed to a consent decree and final judgment that will provide comprehensive injunctive relief, including a requirement to disclose compensation that Travelers pays to insurance brokers. The company will also be required to disclose to all customers and prospective policyholders the ranges and averages of payments it made to insurance brokers on specific lines of insurance.

LEGAL NOTICES

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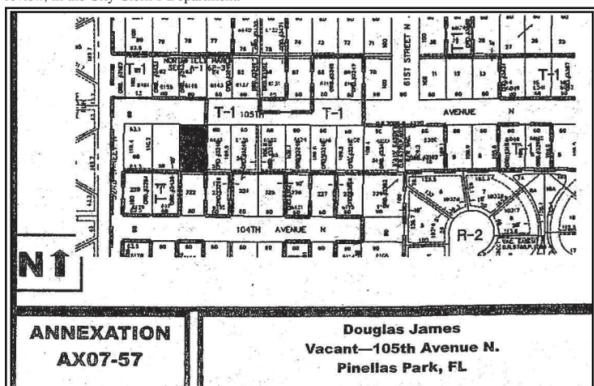
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CITY CLERK
CITY OF PINELLAS PARK
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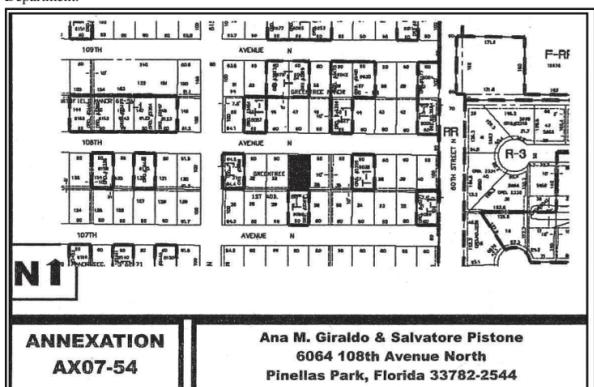
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ORDINANCE NO. 3599
AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING INTO THE CITY OF PINELLAS PARK, FLORIDA, A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND GENERALLY LOCATED AT 6021 108TH AVENUE NORTH, LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS ATTACHED HERETO IN EXHIBIT "A" AND MADE A PART HEREOF, LYING WITHIN SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 30 SOUTH, RANGE 16 EAST, PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT OF THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE CORPORATE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF PINELLAS PARK, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR THE ASSIGNMENT OF CITY ZONING CLASSIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES CONFLICTING HERewith; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
(PAUL AND ELISA HUGHES - AX07-66)

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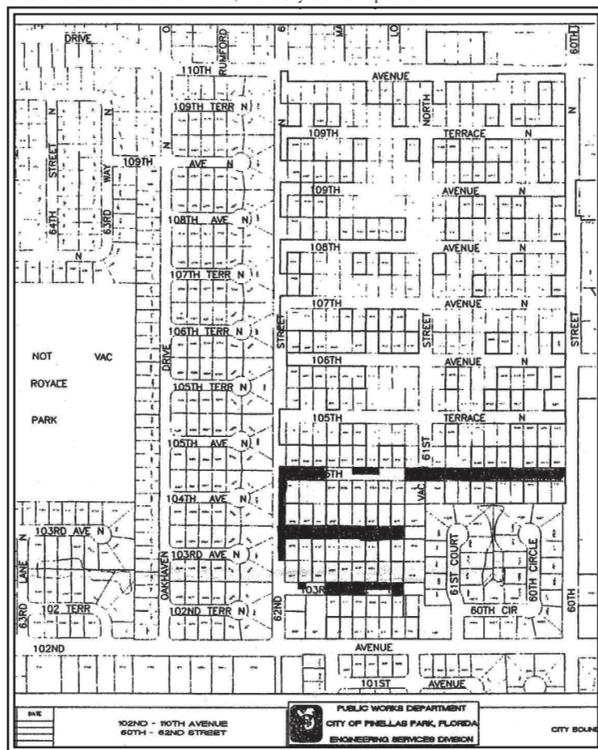
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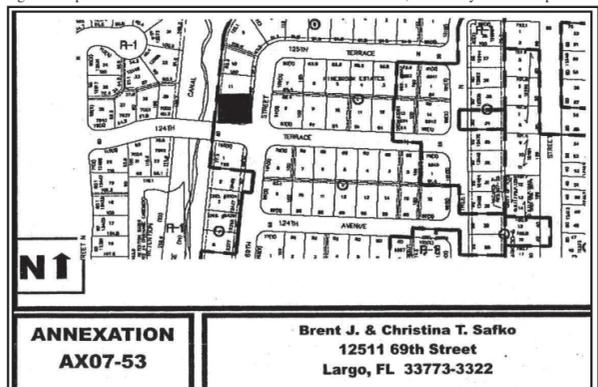
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING UPON PROPOSED ANNEXATION ORDINANCE

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ORDINANCE NO. 3600
AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING INTO THE CITY OF PINELLAS PARK, FLORIDA, A CERTAIN PARCEL OF VACANT LAND GENERALLY LOCATED ON 105TH AVENUE NORTH, EAST OF 62ND STREET, LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS ATTACHED HERETO IN EXHIBIT "A" AND MADE A PART HEREOF, LYING WITHIN SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 30 SOUTH, RANGE 16 EAST, PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT OF THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE CORPORATE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF PINELLAS PARK, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR THE ASSIGNMENT OF CITY ZONING CLASSIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES CONFLICTING HERewith; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
(DOUGLAS JAMES AX07-57)

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA

PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 07-7779-ES-03

IN RE: ESTATE OF
Lee Joseph Pitre, Jr.,
Deceased.

The administration of the estate of LEE JOSEPH PITRE, JR., deceased, File No. 07-7779-ES-03, whose date of death was September 13, 2007, is pending in the Circuit Court for Pinellas County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 315 Court Street, Clearwater, Florida. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT: All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is served within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is December 28, 2007.

Personal Representative:
Judith R. Pitre
1384 Williams Court
Clearwater, FL 33764
Attorney for Personal Representative:
Douglas J. Burns P.A.
2559 Nursery Road-Suite A
Clearwater, FL 33701
Bar No.: 0451060
PH: 727-725-2553
Fax: 727-725-9584
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NOTICE OF ACTION BEFORE THE BOARD OF PHARMACY

IN RE: The license to practice pharmacy of

Douglas Neil Kassar, R.Ph.
P.O. Box 3238
St. Petersburg, Florida
33828-3238

CASE NO.: 200-42732

LICENSE NO.: PS 28503

The Department of Health has filed an Administrative Complaint against you, a copy of which may be obtained by contacting, Lynne A. Quimby-Pennock, Assistant General Counsel, Prosecution Services Unit, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C65, Tallahassee Florida 32399-3285, (850) 245-4640. If no contact has been made by you concerning the above by January 25, 2008, the matter of the Administrative Complaint will be presented at an ensuing meeting of the Board of Pharmacy in formal proceeding. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the individual or agency. Sending this notice not later than seven days prior to the proceeding at the address given on the notice. Telephone: (850) 245-4640, 1-800-955-8771 (TDD) or 1-800-955-8770(V), via Florida Relay Service. XXXX DEC 21, 28, 2007 JAN 4-11, 2008 122114

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(ANA M. GIRALDO AND SALVATORE PISTONE-AX07-54)

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ORDINANCE NO. 3597
AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING INTO THE CITY OF PINELLAS PARK, FLORIDA, A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND GENERALLY LOCATED AT 12511 69TH STREET NORTH, LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS ATTACHED HERETO IN EXHIBIT "A" AND MADE A PART HEREOF, LYING WITHIN SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 30 SOUTH, RANGE 16 EAST, PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT OF THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE CORPORATE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF PINELLAS PARK, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR THE ASSIGNMENT OF CITY ZONING CLASSIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES CONFLICTING HERewith; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
(BRENT J. SAFFKO AND CHRISTINA T. SAFFKO - AX07-60)

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ORDINANCE NO. 3598
AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING INTO THE CITY OF PINELLAS PARK, FLORIDA, A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND GENERALLY LOCATED AT 6056 109TH AVENUE NORTH, LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS ATTACHED HERETO IN EXHIBIT "A" AND MADE A PART HEREOF, LYING WITHIN SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 30 SOUTH, RANGE 16 EAST, PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT OF THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE CORPORATE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF PINELLAS PARK, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR THE ASSIGNMENT OF CITY ZONING CLASSIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES CONFLICTING HERewith; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
(ANTHONY SCIACERO AND CLAIRE L. YOUNG - AX07-61)

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LEGAL NOTICES

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SIXTH JUDICIAL
 CIRCUIT IN AND FOR PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 07-7498-CI SECTION 8

FREEDOM BANK OF AMERICA,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.

BAYSIDE INN DEVELOPMENT
 GROUP, INC.; CHARLES F. LOWE;
 NICHOLAS J. JORDAN;
 PHIL SKELTON, and
 BHPK EQUITIES, LLC,
 Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-styled cause, in the Circuit Court of Pinellas County, Florida, I, Clerk of the Circuit Court, will sell the following leasehold of real property and personal property, situated in Pinellas County, Florida, and more particularly described on the attached Exhibits A, B and C attached hereto, owned by Bayside Inn Development Group, Inc., all at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, in the lobby at the Pinellas County Judicial Center, located at 545 First Avenue North, St. Petersburg, Florida at 11:00 a.m., on February 18, 2008.

Witness my hand and the official seal of this Court on December 28, 2007.

KEN BURKE,
 Clerk of Circuit Court
 By: /s/ Sedeeva Godwin
 Deputy Clerk

Robert M. Quinn, Esq. Carlton Fields, P.A.,
 P.O. Box 3239 Tampa, FL 33601-3239
 Florida Bar No. 305898,

EXHIBIT 'A'

A tract of land lying between parallel lines 200 feet apart at right angles extending from Easterly right-of-way boundary of Gulf Boulevard (State Highway #699) to the waters of Boca Ciega Bay, the Southeastern boundary of which lies parallel to and 300 feet at right angles in a Northwesterly direction from a line described as follows:

From the Northwest corner of SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 31 SOUTH, RANGE 15 EAST run South 37° 32' 34" East, 361.034 feet to a point on the West boundary line of Gulf Boulevard (State Highway #699) as now constructed. Thence North 52° 00' 50" East to waters of Boca Ciega Bay; said line being the Easterly portion of Northwestern line of Tract described in Deed Book 790, Page 389, Clerk's Instrument No. 554950, Records of Pinellas County, Florida. Less that part conveyed to State of Florida, D. O. T. for Gulf Boulevard (State Road #699) recorded in Official Records Book 4333, Page 615, Public Records of Pinellas County, Florida.

EXHIBIT 'B'

All rights, title and interest of Borrower in and to the minerals, soil, flowers, shrubs, crops, trees, timber and other exhibits now or hereafter on the Property described in Exhibit 'A' (herein referred to as 'Property') or under or above the same or any part or parcel thereof.

All machinery, apparatus, equipment, fittings, fixtures, whether actually or constructively attached to the Property and including all trade, domestic and ornamental fixtures and articles of personal property of every kind and nature whatsoever now or hereafter located in, upon or under the Property or any part thereof and used or usable in connection with any present or future operation of the Property and now owned or hereafter acquired by Borrower, including, but without limiting the generality of the foregoing, all heating, air conditioning, freezing, lighting, laundry, incinerating and power-equipment; engines; pipes; pumps; tanks; motors; conduits; switchboards; plumbing, lifting, cleaning, fire prevention, fire extinguishing, refrigerating, ventilating and communications apparatus; boilers, ranges, furnaces, oil burners or units thereof; appliances; air-cooling and air conditioning apparatus; vacuum cleaning systems; elevators; escalators; shades; awnings; screens; storm doors and windows; walls; bed bases; refrigerators; attached cabinets; partitions; ducts and compressors; rugs and carpets; draperies; furniture and furnishings; together with all building materials and equipment now or hereafter delivered to the Property and intended to be installed therein, including but not limited to lumber, plaster, cement shingles, roofing, plumbing, fixtures, pipe, lath, wallboard, cabinets, nails, sinks, toilets, furnaces, heaters, brick, tile, water heaters, screens, window frames, glass, doors, flooring, paint, lighting fixtures and unattached refrigerating, cooking, heating and ventilating appliances and equipment; together with all additions and accessions thereto and replacements thereof.

All of the water, sanitary and storm sewer systems now or hereafter owned by Borrower Which are now or hereafter located by, over, and upon the Property or any part and parcel thereof, and which water system includes all water mains, service laterals, hydrants, valves and appurtenances, and which sewer system includes all sanitary sewer lines, including mains, laterals, manholes and appurtenances.

All paving for streets, roads, walkways or entrance ways now or hereafter owned by Borrower and which are now or hereafter located on the Property or any part or parcel thereof.

All of Borrowers interest as lessor in and to all leases or rental arrangements of the Property, or any part thereof, heretofore made and entered into, and in and to all leases or rental arrangements hereafter made and entered into by Borrower or any extension or renewal thereof, together with all rents and payments in lieu of rents, together with any and all guarantees of such leases or rental arrangements and including all present and future security deposits and advance rentals.

Any and all awards or payments, including interest thereon, and the right to receive the same, as a result of (a) the exercise of the right of eminent domain, (b) the alteration of the grade of any street, or (c) any other injury to, taking of, or decrease in the value of the Property or the property described in this Exhibit.

EXHIBIT 'C'

All rights under that certain Assignment of Permits, Contract Documents and Developers Rights ("the Assignment of Contract Documents") to Freedom Bank, dated July 15, 2005, from Bayside Inn Development Group, Inc. ("Bayside"), including all of Bayside's rights in and to any submerged land lease issued pursuant to permits and approvals for a multi-use docking facility to be constructed and used in connection with the improvements on the property described in Exhibit A, and including but not limited to any rights to Army Corps of Engineers Permit No. SA-J-2006-4465 (LOP/CJW), all rights under a Deed of Conservation Easement, dated June 15, 2007, and all rights under that certain Sovereignty Submerged Lands Lease No. 520341373, recorded on July 25, 2007, in Official Records Book 15905, Page 1352 of the public records of Pinellas County, Florida, and all related permits issued by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, together with any and all other governmental authorizations related to a proposed multi-use docking facility with boat slips to be constructed adjacent to and for the benefit of the property described in Exhibit A.

XXXX JAN 4, 11, 2008 010404

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
AIM TOWING AND RECOVERY
 7658 Ulmertown Road
 Largo, FL 33771
 Office (727) 725-3544
 Fax (727) 725-2589

AIM Towing and Recovery gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 1/18/2008, 09:00 a.m. at 7658 Ulmertown Road Largo, FL 33771, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. AIM Towing and Recovery reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

1G4NV54N0PC260087	1993	BUICK
JM2UF1139N0307068	1992	MAZDA

AIM Towing and Recovery gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 1/19/2008, 09:00 a.m. at 7658 Ulmertown Road Largo, FL 33771, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. AIM Towing and Recovery reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

1FACP36X4LK149167	1990	FORD
1G4AH54N6M6426077	1991	BUICK

AIM Towing and Recovery gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 1/20/2008, 09:00 a.m. at 7658 Ulmertown Road Largo, FL 33771, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. AIM Towing and Recovery reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

1G1NE52M9W6141717	1998	CHEVROLET
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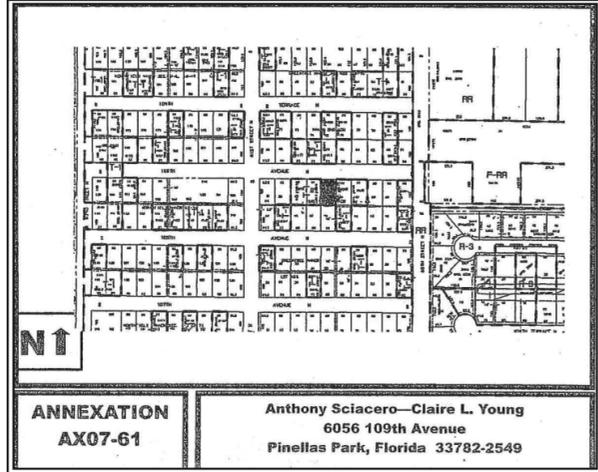
AIM Towing and Recovery gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 1/22/2008, 09:00 a.m. at 7658 Ulmertown Road Largo, FL 33771, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. AIM Towing and Recovery reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

1FAFP53S3XA188362	1999	FORD
2G1WL52M0S9220223	1995	CHEVROLET

18185 JAN. 4, 2008 010405

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
UPON PROPOSED ANNEXATION ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of Pinellas Park, Florida, will hold a SECOND PUBLIC HEARING in City Hall, 5141 78th Avenue, Pinellas Park, Florida on the 10th day of January 2008 at 7:30 P.M. concerning proposed VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION ORDINANCE NO. 3598 6056 109th Avenue North. The proposed ANNEXATION ORDINANCE NO. 3598 and complete legal description of the area to be annexed are available for review, in the City Clerk's Department.



This Ordinance is available for review, in the City Clerk's Department. Interested parties are invited to attend this meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance.

Any person who decides to appeal any decision of the City Council, City Board, or City Commission, with respect to any matter considered at this meeting will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose, may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

The city maintains a tape recording of all public hearings, in the event that you wish to appeal a decision, the tape may or may not adequately insure a verbatim record of the proceedings, therefore, you may wish to provide a court reporter at your expense.

For the Hearing Impaired—An interpreter for individuals with hearing impairment will be made available upon requests made at least 72 hours in advance. Also, an Assistive Hearing Device (MAGNIFIER) is available from the City Clerk for use in Council Chambers and all meetings rooms throughout the City. This document is available in the following accessible formats: Braille, Large Print, Audio Tape and Electronic File on Computer Disks.

10005	DIANE M. CORNA, MMC CITY CLERK CITY OF PINELLAS PARK DEC. 28, 2007 JAN. 4, 2008	122810
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QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF PINELLAS PARK, FLORIDA

The Board of Adjustment of the City of Pinellas Park will hold a Quasi-Judicial Public Hearing in City Council Chambers, City Hall, and 5141 78th Avenue North at 7:30 p.m. on January 22, 2008. The Board of Adjustment will entertain all public comment regarding any item on their agenda at this meeting. All case files are available for review at the Technical Services Building, 6051 78th Avenue North, in the Zoning Division.

1.CASE NO.:	BOA 2008-8 (QUASI-JUDICIAL)
REQUEST:	Consideration of a request for variances to the following: lot coverage, reduce the setback for a sidewalk from the east property line; to reduce the east, side yard setback to allow an air conditioner to remain; and the west, side yard setback to allow pool equipment to remain and install a heat pump.
LOCATION:	5550 98th Avenue
2.CASE NO.:	BOA 2008-10 (QUASI-JUDICIAL)
REQUEST:	Consideration of a request for a variance to increase the maximum fence height in the front yard setback.
LOCATION:	11495 66th Street
3.CASE NO.:	BOA 2008-14 (QUASI-JUDICIAL)
REQUEST:	Consideration of a request for a variance to reduce the rear yard setback for the construction of a room addition.
LOCATION:	12136 73rd Street
4.CASE NO.:	BOA 2008-15 (QUASI-JUDICIAL)
REQUEST:	Consideration of a request for a variance to reduce the rear yard setback for the construction of a sunroom.
LOCATION:	5625 92nd Avenue

NOTICE

You are invited to register your opinions either at the public hearing or by a letter stating the reasons for your opinions. Letters should be addressed to the Zoning Division, Post Office Box 1100, Pinellas Park, Florida, 33781. For more information, please contact the Zoning Division.

Any person who decides to appeal any decision of the City Council, City Board or City Commission, with respect to any matter considered at this meeting will need a record of the proceedings and for such purpose, may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

The applicant, proponents, and public should not communicate either verbally or in writing with the members of the Board of Adjustment regarding the matter under consideration except at the quasi-judicial hearing, in that this could invalidate any action taken at the quasi-judicial hearing. Please note that at the quasi-judicial hearing anyone who has standing may address the issues at the hearing. All parties will have an opportunity to question other speakers and be questioned by any one who is affected by the case. Should anyone wish to question City, who reviewed the proposed request for compliance with City Code for building, engineering, drainage, police or fire issues, please call the Zoning Division, at least five days prior to the hearing, so that arrangements can be made to have said staff attend the meeting.

Any written communication should be received 8 days prior to the public hearing date in order to be made a part of the record and letters should be addressed to the Zoning Division, Post Office Box 1100, Pinellas Park, Florida, 33780. All oral communication concerning this case is prohibited by Florida State law unless made at the public hearing. For more information, please contact the Zoning Division.

The City maintains a tape recording of all public hearings. In the event that you wish to appeal a decision, the tape may or may not adequately ensure a verbatim record.

FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED - An interpreter for individuals with hearing impairment will be made available upon requests made at least 72 hours in advance. Also, an Assistive Hearing Device (magnifier) is available from the City Clerk for use in Council Chambers and all meeting rooms throughout the City. This document is available in the following accessible formats: Braille, Large Print, Audio Tape, and Electronic File on Computer Disks.

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NOTICE OF SALE

THE FOLLOWING VEHICLE (S) WILL BE AUCTIONED FOR UNPAID TOWING AND STORAGE CHARGES ONLY:
 F.S. 713.78

79 THUNDERCRAFT	TN81122AK
00 TOYOTAP P/U WH	47ANL42NXVZ616501
92 FORD P/U RED	1FTDF15Y8NNA60932
94 DODGE VAN WHI	2B7HB21Y2RKS566525
94 CHEVY UTL BLK	1GNCS13W9R0137505
88 MERC 4DR WHI	2MEBM74F9JX678316
03 MITS 4DR WHI	4A3AA46G83E127466
95 INFINITI 4DR WHI	JNKG01D9SM303551
99 PONT 4DR SLVR	1G2NE52T0XC542983

ON JANUARY 23, 2008, AT 8:00 A.M. 1920 BELCHER RD LARGO, FL 33771. BLACKJACK TOWING AND RECOVERY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR REJECT ANY AND/OR ALL BIDS. ALL VEHICLES WILL BE SOLD AS A LOT.

18195 JAN.4, 2008 010410

INVITATION TO BID
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
 400 SOUTH FORT HARRISON AVENUE
 CLEARWATER, FLORIDA 33756

TO: ALL ROAD, STREET AND BUILDING CONTRACTORS

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners, Pinellas County, Clearwater, Florida in the office of the Director of Purchasing, County Annex Office Building, 400 South Fort Harrison Avenue, 6th Floor, Clearwater, Florida, until **FEBRUARY 07, 2008 @ 3:00 P.M.**, and will then and there be opened and read aloud for the following:

Services, Labor, Materials and Equipment required for Construction of: EAGLE LAKE PARK

078-0219-C (DM)

PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA

The engineering estimate for this project is **\$12,927,448.00**

THERE WILL BE A NON-MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE HELD ON **JANUARY 22, 2008 AT 10:00 A.M.** IN PINELLAS COUNTY PURCHASING, 400 SO. FT. HARRISON AVENUE, ANNEX BUILDING, 5th FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM, CLEARWATER, FLORIDA.

All bids for construction in excess of \$100,000.00 will be considered only from bidders who have pre-qualified **Road, Street and Building type** construction with this office prior to submitting bid. Only those bids from bidders who are pre-qualified with Pinellas County in the amount that equals or exceeds their bid prior to the opening of bids will be considered.

Plans, specifications and bid forms will be available on compact disc at no charge and may be obtained from Public Works Engineering Department, Pinellas County Technical Services Building, 440 Court Street, 4th Floor, Clearwater, Florida. Mail requests should be addressed to, 440 Court Street, 1st Floor, Clearwater, Florida 33756.

"PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES REQUIRING REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING/EVENT, SHOULD CALL 727/464-4062 (VOICE/TDD) FAX 727/464-4157 NOT LATER THAN SEVEN DAYS PRIOR TO THE PROCEEDING."

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Purchasing Department, at the above address or telephone number 727/464-3311. Bid information may be obtained by visiting the Pinellas County Purchasing Department web site www.pinellascounty.org/purchase. Any bids received after the specified time and date will not be considered.

RONNIE DUNCAN Chairman Board of County Commissioners 15000	JAN 4, 2008	JOE LAURO CPPO/CPPB Director of Purchasing 010409
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT IN AND FOR
PINELLAS COUNTY,
FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
REF: 07-191-ES

IN RE: ESTATE OF ELIZABETH RAMSEY, Deceased.

The Administration of the Estate of Elizabeth Ramsey, Deceased, whose date of death was December 27, 2006, and whose Social Security Number is 266-11-2515, is pending in the Circuit Court for Pinellas County, Florida Probate Division, the address of which is 315 Court Street, Clearwater, FL 33756. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate or whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WITH BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this Notice is January 4, 2008.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE:
 Fern Kalb
 1375 Pasadena Avenue South,
 Lot #704
 South Pasadena, FL 33707
 ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE:
 Bruce A. Plessner, Esquire
 2850 59th Street South
 #306
 Gullport, FL 33707
 Florida Bar No.:13845
 Telephone: (727) 479-4297
 Fax: (727) 866-7970
 XXXX JAN. 4, 11, 2008 010402

NOTICE OF AUCTION

TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

NOTICE IS hereby given that the Pinellas County Sheriff will sell at auction approximately thirty-one (31) vehicles. The auction will be held at the Tampa Machinery Auction, Highway 301, five miles North of Interstate 4, Tampa, Florida on January 12, 2008 beginning at 9:00 A.M. If you have any questions, please contact the Purchasing Agent at (727) 464-6308.

PINELLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE Karen M. Main, Purchasing Agent XXXX JAN 4, 2008	010401
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Notice to Bidders
 City of St Petersburg
 Purchasing & Materials Management

Sealed bids will be received by the Purchasing and Materials Management Director, City of St. Petersburg, Municipal Services Center, 5th Floor, One 4th Street North, St. Petersburg, Florida, 33701 for: 936-35 Three-Year Contract for Machine Shop Work; Welding and Fabrication Services, Bid No. 6681, pre-bid conference to be held at 9:00 a.m. ET, Tuesday, January 8, 2008, at Conference Room 900, One 4th Street North St. Petersburg FL. bid opening at 3:00 p.m. ET, Thursday, January 24, 2008. This bid and all addenda may be downloaded by accessing the City's website at www.stpete.org/purchase/solbidn.htm. The City of St. Petersburg, Florida reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids. The City reserves the right to waive technicalities on bids. The decision as to what constitutes a technicality shall rest solely with Louis Moore, CPPO, Director of Purchasing and Materials Management.
 XXXX JAN. 4, 2008 010406

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
THE SIXTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR
PINELLAS COUNTY,
FLORIDA
 Case No.:07004629FD-012
 Division: FAMILY LAW

CECILIA ROCHA
 Petitioner

and
 ABRAHAM L. ORELLANA
 Respondent.

TO: ABRAHAM L. ORELLANA UNKNOWN

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on CECILIA ROCHA C/O WAYNE KNIGHT ESQ., whose address is 1277 CEDAR CENTER DRIVE, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301 on or before January, 11, 2008, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 315 COURT STREET, CLEARWATER, FL 33756, before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the clerk's office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

Dated: December 6, 2007

KEN BURKE
 CLERK CIRCUIT COURT
 315 Court Street
 Clearwater, Pinellas County,
 FL 33756-5165
 By: /s/ LINDA PREIATO
 Deputy Clerk
 0125 DEC 14 21 28 2007 JAN. 4 2008 010401

DATED on December 11, 2007
 KEN BURKE
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 By: Sherri A. Mayr
 Deputy Clerk
 10260 DEC 14 21 28 2007 JAN. 4 2008 121426

INVITATION TO BID
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
 400 SOUTH FORT HARRISON AVENUE
 CLEARWATER, FL 33756

TO: ALL INTERESTED BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners, Pinellas County, Clearwater, Florida, in the office of the Director of Purchasing, County Annex office Building 400 South Fort Harrison Avenue, 6th Floor, Clearwater, Florida, and will be opened immediately after the bid/proposal submittal due date and time (3:00 PM) by the Pinellas County Purchasing Department. The names of bid respondents and their bid amount shall be read aloud at the time of opening. The names of proposal respondents only will be read aloud at the time of opening.

Bid Title: INSTRUMENTATION, CONTROL & MONITORING SYSTEMS REPAIR, MAINTENANCE AND TRAINING SERVICES
 Bid Number: 078-0150-B (TS)
 Bid Submittal Due: 1/29/2008@3:00 PM
 Pre-Bid N/A

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RONNIE E. DUNCAN Chairman Board of County Commissioners 15000	JAN 4, 2008	JOSEPH LAURO CPPO/CPPB Director of Purchasing 010408
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Today is deadline for college exam registration

The next ACT exam will be administered on Feb. 9.

Students who wish to take the college admission and placement exam on this date must register no later than today, which is the deadline for having their registration postmarked.

There is a late registration postmark deadline of Jan. 18; an extra fee is charged for late registrations. Students can register online at www.actstudent.org, or registration forms can be picked up at high school counseling offices.

The cost is \$30 for the traditional ACT and \$44.50 for the ACT Plus Writing. Some colleges require ACT's optional Writing Test score, but many don't, so students should find out the requirements of prospective colleges before registering for the exam. ACT scores are accepted by all major four-year colleges and universities across the United States.

ACT's Website (www.actstudent.org) has information about the ACT and how to prepare for it, including sample tests. It also provides information on college planning, financial aid, career planning, and the opportunity to order inexpensive test prep materials.

NASA: Asteroid odds for Mars impact heighten

WASHINGTON - Astronomers funded by NASA are monitoring the trajectory of an asteroid estimated to be 164 feet wide that is expected to cross Mars' orbital path early next year.

Observations provided by the astronomers and analyzed by NASA's Near-Earth Object Office at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif., indicate the object may pass within 30,000 miles of Mars at about 6 a.m. Jan. 30.

Based on the latest analysis, astronomers say the odds of the asteroid's impact on Mars are now about 1 in 28.

"Right now asteroid 2007 WD5 is about half-way between Earth and Mars and closing the distance at a speed of about 27,900 miles per hour," said Don Yeomans, manager of the Near Earth Object Office at JPL. "Over the next five weeks, we hope to gather more information from observatories so we can further refine the asteroid's trajectory."

Stray bullets hit two

Pinellas News Staff Report

ST. PETERSBURG — Two people got more than they bargained for this New Year's Eve, when they were hit by stray bullets. Police described both injuries as superficial, requiring minor medical attention.

David Tyson Mink, 23, of Clearwater, who police said was in St. Petersburg visiting friends for the holiday, walked along the 700 block of 3rd Avenue South when something hit him hard in the shoulder and he fell to the ground.

Thinking it was just a stray

fireworks shell, he continued walking until a friend spotted the bullet wound.

After having the bullet removed, Mink said he wanted to keep it as a souvenir for himself.

Capricia Woodward, 14, was sitting outside a home at 2303 7th

St. S. around 12:35 a.m. when a bullet struck her. The bullet lodged itself in the upper area of her left eye.

She was taken to All Children's Hospital, where the small caliber bullet was removed.

No arrests have been made and there are no suspects.



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Crocodiles are among species protected under new Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission rules.

New rules for wildlife owners take effect for the new year

TALLAHASSEE — The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) has established new rules for people who possess or exhibit wildlife that recently came into effect or will become effective at the beginning of 2008.

As of Jan. 1, people licensed to possess captive wildlife, non-native venomous reptiles or Reptiles of Concern must have a Captive Wildlife Critical Incident and Disaster Plan. This plan outlines how owners or exhibitors should secure or evacuate their animals in the event of natural disasters and critical incidents. Additionally, people licensed to possess or exhibit Class I wildlife, non-native venomous reptiles or Reptiles of Concern must report any escape immediately to the FWC's Division of Law Enforcement.

Class I wildlife — such as lions, bears, crocodiles, chimpanzees and rhinoceros — are defined as wildlife posing a significant danger to people.

"These new rules are for the protection and welfare of people and the wildlife," said Capt. Linda Harrison of FWC's Investigations Section. "We hope to prevent problems. The requirement of this plan gives permittees something to think about. If an escape or natural disaster should occur, it is better to be prepared to adequately respond to the situation."

Exhibiting wildlife will require some establishments and private wildlife owners to pay more. In 2007, the bond for exhibiting venomous reptiles increased from \$1,000 to \$10,000. Effective Feb. 1, people or businesses exhibiting Class I captive wildlife will be required to provide a surety bond or a financial responsibility guarantee of \$10,000 or maintain \$2 million in general comprehensive liability insurance, with \$2 million

required per occurrence.

Anyone who possesses a Class I wildlife permit — with limited exceptions — now must have a minimum of 5 acres of property. Additionally, facilities housing Class I captive wildlife cannot be in areas zoned solely for residential use.

Class II wildlife also can pose a danger to people. They include many species of monkeys, bobcats, cougars, wolves, coyotes and caiman. Class II wildlife owners must now have a minimum of 2½ acres. The FWC will require substantial experience and specific cage and facility requirements to be met before it will issue a permit.

Nonnative venomous reptiles are all species of venomous

to mark cages and enclosures with a card stating, "Danger, Venomous Reptile." The card must identify the reptile, and it also must accompany the reptile when it is removed from its cage. A bite or exposure protocol is required, which provides the name of an emergency contact and information on what to do should a bite occur.

People who own nonnative venomous reptiles or Reptiles of Concern for personal use must have the animals permanently identified. Nonnative venomous reptiles must be identified by photograph or by implantation of a passive integrated transponder (PIT) tag, also referred to as a microchip. Reptiles of Concern must be permanently iden-

must submit these records twice a year: once upon application and again six months later. People who possess venomous reptiles or Reptiles of Concern for personal use must submit these records upon application and when there is an inventory change.

On July 1, 2007, red-eared slider turtles (*Trachemys scripta elegans*) became listed as a Conditional Species. People who acquired red-eared slider turtles after July 1, 2007, must have a permit. No permit will be issued for personal possession.

People who possess red-eared sliders acquired before July 1, 2007, may keep those specimens without a permit until they are legally transferred or disposed of. After July 1, 2008, however, no one may have a red-eared slider as a pet that is less than 4 inches in size. Those owning the turtles legally may not allow them to reproduce, and all eggs must be destroyed.

It is illegal to release any nonnative species into the wild in Florida. As of this year, penalties for certain captive-wildlife-law violations have increased, and in some instances, people who repeatedly violate captive wildlife laws and rules can be charged with a felony.

"In a situation where we have a repeat offender of captive wildlife rules, the perpetrator will face increased minimum fines or penalties for additional convictions. Repeat offenders may even lose their license or permit," Harrison said. "In some instances, the perpetrator could be charged with a third-degree felony, with a fine of up to \$5,000 and possible imprisonment for up to five years, although in most situations, that would not be the case."

"We would prefer to educate people about responsibly owning and exhibiting wildlife."

"These new rules are for the protection and welfare of people and the wildlife."

CAPT. LINDA HARRISON
Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission

snakes and lizards that do not occur naturally in Florida. Reptiles of Concern are the Indian or Burmese python, African rock python, amethystine python, reticulated python, green anaconda and Nile monitor lizard. People possessing any venomous reptiles or Reptiles of Concern must be permitted, paying a fee of \$100 per year. They also must meet new, stricter caging and facility requirements.

"Some of these reptile species pose a threat to human life or Florida's native species," Harrison said. "Obviously, venomous reptiles can be hazardous to human health. Nonnative species, which have been released into the wild and thrived, may potentially wreak havoc on native species, which are falling prey to them."

People who possess venomous reptiles are now required

ified by implantation of a PIT tag. The PIT tag number and specimen information must be maintained in the owner's records.

Owners of any nonnative venomous reptiles or Reptiles of Concern acquired prior to Jan. 1, 2008, will have until July 1 to meet the PIT tagging requirement. Any specimens acquired after Jan. 1 must be permanently identified when the animal is acquired.

People possessing venomous reptiles or Reptiles of Concern are also required to keep records of changes in inventory, which are a result of births, deaths, acquisition, sales or transfers. Records must be readily available for inspection by FWC personnel. These records also must be submitted to the FWC.

People who sell venomous reptiles or Reptiles of Concern

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I respect people's choice to drive what they want. I just have a hard time watching people put American flag decals on them. I wish the money was put where their free speech is - do they know their Kia purchase helped dig a bigger trade imbalance hole for us to get out of?

5. Ohio State wins National Football Championship. Oh, wait, that's this weekend, isn't it? Bash the Big Ten all you want, or rather, the

Big Two and Little Nine (yes, there's 11 teams in the Big Ten, and they know it), but the Buckeyes are a better team than people in the SEC want to admit. Unfortunately, they didn't come to play last year against Florida.

4. Pinellas News sets circulation records. Hey, we can dream, can't we? Go buy a couple of extra copies every week, and tell your friends. Heck, better yet, send us your news so we can give you a good reason to buy the paper! We'll print it - really. No, I'm not kidding, either. Really, we will.

3. 2008 hurricane season ends with a whimper. Let's pray for another mild year.

2. Florida scares more would-be retirees away. Hey, we don't have the room - the peninsula's only so big, you know.

1. Hillary Clinton defeated in landslide. 'Nuff said.

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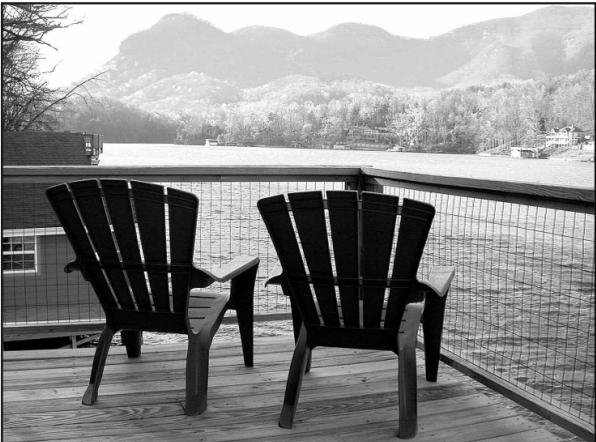
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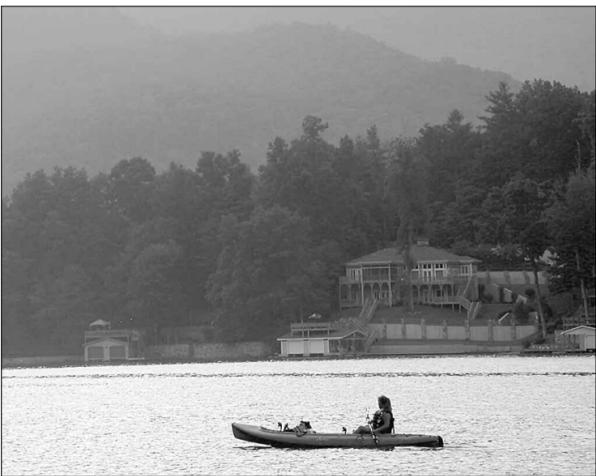
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